

Born in Tivoli, N. Y., graduated from Yale in 1830, admitted to the bar in 1832. He resided in Sharon, Conn., and is much better known as a politician than lawyer. He held a very influential position in the Democratic party for many years. He died at Sharon, November 21, 1879, aged 68 years.

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JOHN COTTON SMITH

Son of Deacon Wm. M. Smith (Y.C.1805) and Helen (Livingston) Smith, was born in Sharon, Conn., March 21, 1810.

After graduation he pursued for a time the study of law, but never engaged in practice. His residence was the old family homestead in Sharon, where he died of heart disease, November 2, 1879, in his 70th year. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1833, and also in 1842, 1853, 1854, 1870 and 1876. In politics he was a Democrat, and represented the State in three national conventions, those of 1835, 1844, and 1856. He received the votes of his political friends in 1839, and again in 1845, for a seat in Congress, but was defeated. He was also the unsuccessful candidate for the lieutenant-governorship in 1858, and in June, of the same year was appointed by President Buchanan minister resident to the republic of Bolivia, which position he resigned in February, 1861.

He married about 1845, Mrs. Huder, formerly Miss Bishop, of New Haven, and spent the years from 1846 to 1850 in European travel. Mrs. Smith died some years ago, without children.

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Mr. Smith was a member of the Class of 1830 at Yale.

JOHN C. SMITH, non-graduate of 1829, of Sharon, Conn., was a member of the Adelpbic Society.
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